

REMARKS

Prior to a first examination of the non-provisional application filed herewith, please enter the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant has amended claims 7, 9, 12, 23, 38, 58, and 61-62 by this supplemental amendment. No claim has been cancelled or added. Claims 1-62 remain pending. Of those pending, claims 1, 10, 15, 20, 29-30, 39-41, 43, 50, and 53 are independent claims.

Applicant believes that no new matter has been added by this supplemental preliminary amendment.

I. DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Applicant has amended the drawing of Figure 12. Figure 12 has been amended by replacing a second instance of the reference number "1202" with --1210-- to avoid overlapping reference numbers.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is added by this amendment to Figure 12 as it is supported by the specification in the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 12.

A clean copy of the amended drawing of Figure 12 is attached hereto as Appendix I. An annotated copy of the drawing of Figure 12 is attached hereto as Appendix II to show the changes made.

Applicant respectfully requests approval of these drawing changes by the Examiner.

II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Applicant has amended the specification to add clarification and consistency, correct incorrect reference numbers and correct grammatical errors, typos and misspellings. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added.

In particular, the brief description of drawings of Figures 4C, 11, and Figures 8A-8D have been amended. Figures 8C and 8D are now included in the brief drawing description with Figures 8A-8B.

The paragraph beginning on page 11, line 14 was amended to delete the phrase "it may appear to be all black" as this was in reference to the drawing of Figure 4B in the provisional patent application to which this claims the benefit.

III. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Applicant has amended claims 7, 9, 12, 23, 38, 58, and 61-62.

Claim 7 has been amended to be consistent with the phrase "first end flange" and "second end flange" found in independent claim 1.

Claim 9 has been amended to be expand the phrase "first and second bearings" into --a first bearing and a second bearing-- to clarify that two bearings are being introduced.

Claim 12 has been amended to be expand the phrase "first and second bearings" into --a first bearing and a second bearing-- to clarify that two bearings are being introduced.

Claim 23 has been amended to replace "extruder" with -- extrusion-- in the phrase "extrusion die" to be consistent with its use in the specification.

Claim 38 was amended to correct its dependency.

Claim 58 was amended to replace "film" with -layer-- in order to be consistent with the phrase "reflective layer" used in the independent claim 53.

Claim 61 was amended to insert a space between the words "asymmetric" and "triangular" in order to correct a typographical error.

Claim 62 was amended to insert a space between the words "symmetric" and "triangular" in order to correct a typographical error.

As the claims have yet to be examined, Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to these claims were not made for reasons related to patentability.

CONCLUSION

A first examination of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

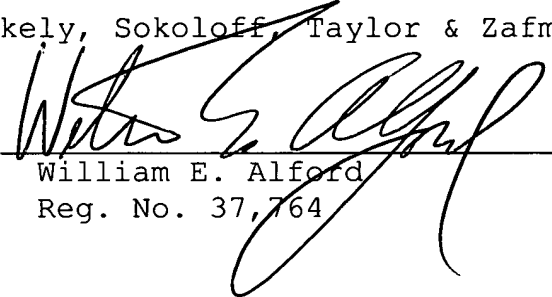
The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by telephone at (714) 557-3800 should there be any questions.

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Respectfully submitted,

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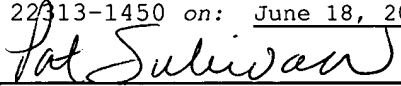


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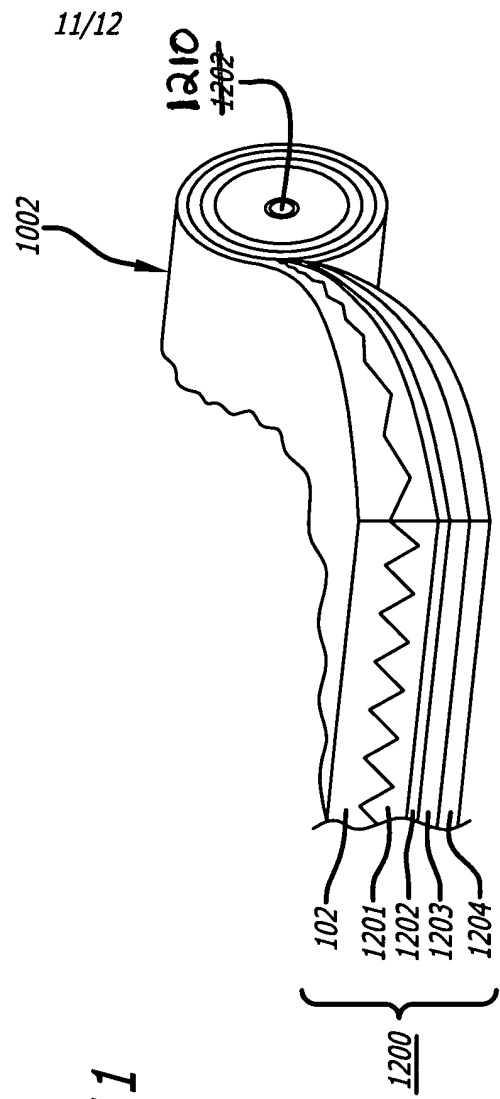
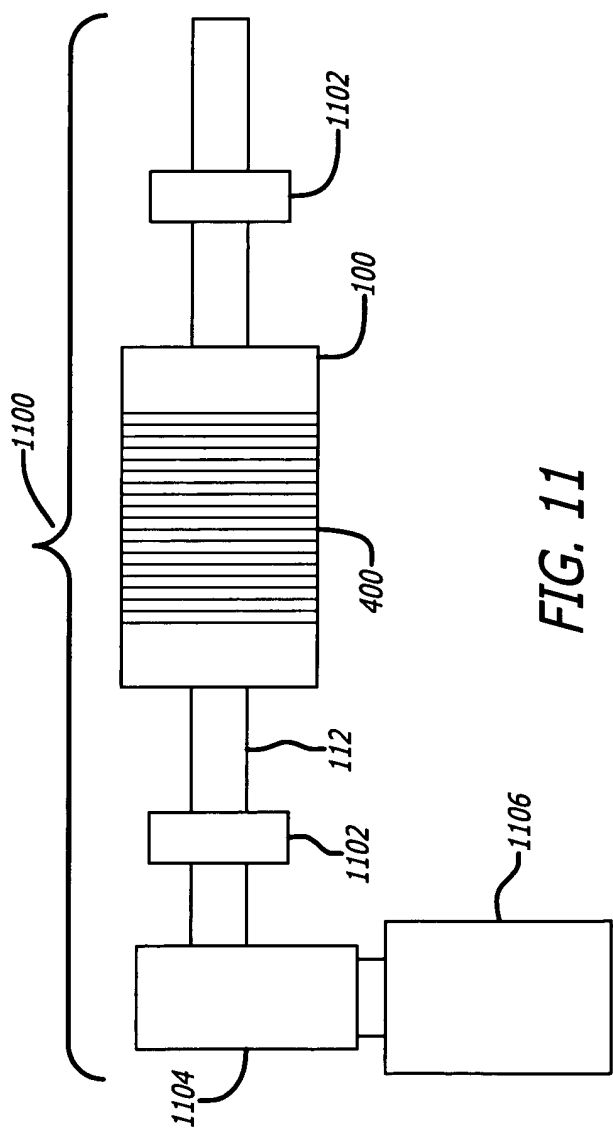
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